

“An apparatus for controlling display of an electrical program guide, comprising:

broadcast program information storage means for storing, as broadcast information, the information relative to a number of broadcast programs extracted from predetermined positions of video signals;

recorded program information storage means for storing recorded program information which includes program name information and start time information of a number of broadcast programs previously stored in a recording medium”...
(Underlining added for emphasis)

Accordingly, in amended claim 1, recorded program information which includes program name information and start time information of a number of broadcast programs previously stored in a recording medium may be stored in a recorded program information storage means. In explaining the above 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection, the Examiner apparently asserted that Knee (and in particular, col. 36, lines 52-61 thereof) discloses the present recorded program information storage means. It is respectfully submitted that the portion of Knee relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter merely “Knee”) does not appear disclose the recorded program information storage means “for storing recorded program information which includes program name information and start time information of a number of broadcast programs previously stored in a recording medium” as in claim 1.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, amended independent claim 4 is also believed to be distinguishable from Knee.

Claims 2, 5-10, 12, and 16 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 4 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Knee for at least the reasons previously described.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **“Version with markings to show changes made.”**

It is to be appreciated that the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art represent the present opinions of the applicants' undersigned attorney and, in the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 16, and the allowance of this application with claims 1, 2, 4-10, 12, and 16 are respectfully requested.

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“VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.”

--1. (Three Times Amended) An apparatus for controlling display of an electrical program guide, comprising:

broadcast program information storage means for storing, as broadcast information, the information relative to a number of broadcast programs extracted from predetermined positions of video signals;

recorded program information storage means for storing[, as] recorded program information[, the information relative to] which includes program name information and start time information of a number of broadcast programs previously [recorded] stored in a recording medium; and

display control means capable of displaying simultaneously, as an electrical program guide to provide the program-related information, the program information relative to both of the broadcast programs and the recorded programs on the basis of the broadcast program information stored in said broadcast program information storage means and also the recorded program information stored in said recorded program information storage means whereby both broadcast program information and recorded program information are processable by a single electrical program guide function so as to enable a user to select for more than one program the broadcast information and recorded program information associated therewith by activating the desired single electrical program guide function only once.--

--4. (Three Times Amended) A method of controlling display of an electrical program guide comprising the steps of:

storing, as broadcast program information, the information relative to a number of broadcast programs extracted from predetermined positions of video signals;

storing[, as] recorded program information[, the information relative to] which includes program name information and start time information of a number of broadcast programs previously [recorded] stored in a recording medium; and

displaying simultaneously, as an electrical program guide to provide the program-related information, the program information relative to both of the broadcast programs and the recorded programs on the basis of the stored broadcast program information and also the stored recorded program information whereby both broadcast program information and recorded program information are processable by a single electrical program guide function so as to enable a user to select for more than one program the broadcast information and recorded program information associated therewith by activating the desired single electrical program guide function only once.--